



ANTIGUA & BARBUDA

CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT

Visa-free travel to 140 countries

Investment from USD 100,000

Citizenship in 3–4 months

PROGRAM SUMMARY

Antigua and Barbuda established its Citizenship by Investment Program in 2013. The laws regarding the Program are contained in the Antigua and Barbuda Citizenship by Investment Act, 2013 and the Antigua and Barbuda Citizenship by Investment Regulations, 2013.

COUNTRY FACTS

Antigua and Barbuda is an independent Commonwealth state in the Eastern Caribbean. Antigua is a member of the United Nations (UN), the British Commonwealth, Caricom and the Organisation of American States (OAS), among many other international organizations

KEY BENEFITS

Visa Free Travel to 140 Countries

The Antiguan passport provides visa-free travel to the Schengen area, Hong Kong and Singapore.

Visa Free Travel to Schengen area

Citizens enjoy unrestricted travel in all Schengen member countries for three months in any six-month period.

Irrevocable citizenship is granted

Citizenship granted under the program is irrevocable, life-long, and heritable.

British Commonwealth member

Citizens have access to the consular services of any other Commonwealth country worldwide.

Recoverable investment option

Real estate investments are fully recoverable following a five-year holding period, during which time it can produce rental income.

Minimal residential requirements

Applicants are required to spend only five days for first five years after naturalisation.

Dual citizenship is recognized

Antigua & Barbuda imposes no restrictions on dual citizenship, and applicants are not required to forfeit their other citizenships.

Democratic country

The country has a stable political environment with a democratically elected government and a common law legal system.

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INVESTMENT OPTIONS



USD 100,000
Contribution to the
National Development Fund

or



USD 400,000
Property
purchase

or



USD 1.5 million
CIU-approved business
venture investment

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

The government authority responsible for administering the program, the Citizenship by Investment Unit (CIU), is responsible for the processing of all applications. The CIU examines the application thoroughly and undertakes strict due diligence checks. An application will be declined if the applicant makes a false statement or omits any relevant information in the application.

The documentary requirements of the Antigua and Barbuda Citizenship by Investment Program are reasonable and the procedures are quite straightforward. The process will take three to four months from submission of the application to issuance of the passport, assuming there are no areas of concern with the application. Under the real estate option the time frame may vary depending on the status of the development.

Once Approval in Principle has been obtained on the application, you will be requested to make payment of the economic contribution to the National Development Fund or complete the property purchase. Passports must be collected in person and an Oath of Allegiance taken, either in Antigua and Barbuda or the applicant may attend an Embassy or the office of any High Commission or Consulate of Antigua and Barbuda or such other office as may be specified from time to time by the Minister.

REQUIREMENTS

The Citizenship by Investment Program requires a person to make a significant economic contribution to the country. In exchange, and subject to a stringent application process and due diligence checks, the applicants and their families are granted full citizenship. The main applicant must be at least 18 years of age to qualify and must meet the application requirements by selecting one of the 4 investment options:

- An investment in an approved Real Estate development with a minimum value of US\$400,000 (to be held for a minimum period of 5 years) or**
- An investment of a minimum of USD 1,500,000 directly into an eligible business, either as a sole investor**
- An investment via a joint investment involving at least two persons in an eligible business totaling at least USD 5,000,000, and each of those persons individually invests at least USD 400,000**

On the above options the following fees will also apply:

Government Fess

Family of up to 4 persons (Main applicant plus 3 dependents)	US\$ 50,000
Incremental increase for each additional dependent (family of 4+)	US\$ 15,000

- A non-refundable contribution to the National Development Fund (NDF)**

Family of up to 4 persons (Main applicant plus 3 dependents)	US\$ 100,000
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Family of up to 5 persons or more	US\$ 125,000
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On the NDF option the following fees will also apply:

Family of up to 4 persons (Main applicant plus 3 dependents)	US\$ 50,000
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Incremental increase for each additional dependent (family of 4+)	US\$ 15,000
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The NDF is a special fund established under section 42(2) of the Finance Act 2006 for the purpose of funding government sponsored projects, including public-private partnerships and approved charitable investments which deliver services in healthcare, education, environmental management, youth development or the promotion of sport and culture.

Each applicant must also pay the following:

Due Diligence Fees

Main Applicant	US\$ 7,500
Spouse	US\$ 7,500
Dependent 12-17 years	US\$ 2,000
Dependent 18 years +	US\$ 4,000

Passport Application Fee	US\$ 300 per person
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